

REMARKS

Claims 18-36 are pending. The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated March 8, 2005 states the amendment document dated December 14, 2004 is considered non-compliant because each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier and the cancelled claims must also be identified as "canceled."

The amendment document dated December 14, 2004 did not include any amendment to the claims when submitting the substitute specification, so the Applicants believe the claims submitted did not necessitate any status identifiers. However, Applicants have resubmitted the claims section with the appropriate status identifiers in order to expedite the prosecution of the application.

Conclusion

The Examiner is invited to call Applicants' representative at the number below if he has any questions or if there are remaining outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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